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SUBJECT: IEA: DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR WORK OF THE
SUB-GROUP ON LONG-TERM CONSERVATION

FOR EB/FSE - BOSWORTH

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM
SECRETARIAT ON ABOVE SUBJECT. TEXT OF SECRETARIAT
PAPER REFERRED TO IS TRANSMITTED PARA 3 BELOW.

2. "DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN,

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARRANGEMENT WE MADE ON
8TH DECEMBER, ATTACHED ARE THE DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES
FOR WORK OF THE SUB-GROUP ON LONG-TERM CONSERVATION.
WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF WE COULD RECEIVE YOUR
COMMENTS BY 12TH DECEMBER (PARIS TIME) SO THAT WE MIGHT
CIRCULATE THE DRAFT TO THE DELEGATIONS ON 13TH.

A DRAFT TECHNICAL FRAMEWORK FOR COLLATION OF NATIONAL
CONSERVATION PROGRAMMES WILL BE READY BY 13TH DECEMBER AT
THE LATEST."

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3. "DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR WORK OF THE SUB-GROUP
ON LONG-TERM CONSERVATION OF THE STANDING GROUP ON LONG-
TERM CO-OPERATION

AFTER NOTING THEIR INTENTION TO REDUCE THEIR
DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL, AS EXPRESSED IN ARTICLE 41
OF THE AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMME,
THE MEMBERS OF THE STANDING GROUP ON LONG-TERM
CO-OPERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY AGREED,
AT THEIR MEETING ON DECEMBER 3RD AND 4TH, 1974, TO
ESTABLISH A SUB-GROUP ON LONG-TERM CONSERVATION. THIS
SUB-GROUP WOULD OPERATE UNDER THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF
ARTICLE 42 OF THE AGREEMENT AND SHOULD HOLD ITS FIRST
MEETING ON JANUARY 13TH AND 14TH, 1975. THIS SUB-GROUP
SHOULD UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

I. IT SHOULD BEGIN COLLATION AND REVIEW OF PLANNED AND
EXISTING LONG-TERM CONSERVATION PROGRAMMES IN MEMBER
COUNTRIES, IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF THE
FEASIBILITY OR DESIRABILITY OF SETTING DYNAMIC TARGETS OR
OBJECTIVES BY THE SLT FOR THE GROUP'S REDUCTION IN ENERGY
CONSUMPTION GROWTH RATES AS RELATED TO A REDUCTION IN
DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL. IN THIS REGARD THE SUB-GROUP
MAY FIND IT HELPFUL TO DIVIDE ITS WORK INTO SPECIFIC
TIME FRAMES OF A MEDIUM AND LONGER-TERM NATURE.

II. WITH REGARD TO THE SET OF DYNAMIC, LONG-TERM
TARGETS OR OBJECTIVES, THE SUB-GROUP SHOULD CONSIDER
WHETHER THIS GOAL SHOULD BE STRICTLY THE SUM OF
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS' MEASURES OR IF IT SHOULD BE SOME-
THING MORE.

III. THE SUB-GROUP SHOULD CONSIDER THE IMPACT WHICH
VARIOUS CONSERVATION MEASURES MIGHT HAVE ON OVERALL
ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, KEEPING IN MIND THAT WHILE IT IS
IMPORTANT TO MINIMISE THEIR ECONOMIC EFFECTS IT
SHOULD RECOGNISE THAT CHANGES IN PATTERNS OF ENERGY
CONSUMPTION AND ECONOMIES IN GENERAL ARE UNAVOIDABLE.
IN THIS REGARD, THE SUB-GROUP MIGHT CONSIDER THE DESIR-

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ABILITY OF CONVENING A SEPARATE GROUP OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS TO ADDRESS THIS QUESTION.

IV. THE SUB-GROUP SHOULD PROPOSE WAYS AND MEANS TO THE SLT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CONSTRUCTIVE CONFRONTATION PROGRAMME TO EVALUATE AND COMPARE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES' CONSERVATION MEASURES AND PROGRESS, NOTING THAT CONFRONTATION ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL MIGHT ASSIST MEMBER GOVERNMENTS (I) IN MAKING DIFFICULT POLITICAL DECISIONS REQUIRING CHANGES IN PATTERNS OF ENERGY UTILISATION AND (II) IN AVOIDING ANY DISTORTING CONSEQUENCES ON OTHER MEMBER ECONOMIES.

V. THE SUB-GROUP SHOULD DEVELOP THE CRITERIA REQUIRED TO EVALUATE THE RELATIVE EFFORT OF MEMBER COUNTRIES NEEDED TO REALISE THE OBJECTIVES ESTABLISHED, KEEPING IN MIND THAT THE EFFORT SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG MEMBERS ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS. THE CRITERIA SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE LIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY'S INDIVIDUAL IMPORTED OIL DEPENDENCY, PATTERNS OF ENERGY USE (ENERGY CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA, FOR EXAMPLE) AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE.

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VI. THE SUB-GROUP SHOULD CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF CONSTITUTING CONSERVATION MEASURES AS LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATIONS.

VII. THE SUB-GROUP SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE SLT WITH REGARD TO SHORT-TERM CONSERVATION MEASURES DO NOT SET A PRECEDENT FOR ANY SLT DECISION REGARDING LONG-TERM CONSERVATION MEASURES.

VIII. THIS SUB-GROUP SHOULD REPORT ON ITS DELIBERATION UNDER PARAGRAPHS I-VII TO THE SLT FOR DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN NO CASE LATER THAN 1975."

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